

As Parks and Recreation Director in Guilford, I oppose HB 5361. We currently charge residents \$35 and non-residents \$70 for a season beach pass for Jacobs Beach on Long Island Sound and Lake Quonnipaug in North Guilford.

We do not turn away non-residents. These fees are very reasonable, yet they help us cover the costs to maintain the beach with grooming, mowing the grass, irrigating the grass areas, trash removal, providing clean rest rooms, and providing gate guards and life guards. If the State requires to lower non-resident fees, the resident fees would have to be raised to cover all the expenses. Residents would actually be paying more because some of the costs associated with operating and maintaining the beaches are included in their taxes.

Please oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

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